

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS

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> Wednesday, May 4, 2016 10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2383)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills

Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Percy Duran III,

Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaño and Commissioner Theresa

Zhen

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-2379)

Call to Order. (16-2287)

Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the April 27, 2016 Minutes. (16-2288)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Percy Duran III and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-2289)

Chairperson Bigby provided the SBC Commissioners with an updated list of inspection assignments by district.

Vice Chairperson Grills shared her testimony to the Board of Supervisors on "Ending Solitary Confinement in Los Angeles County."

Commissioners Andrews and Montaño also shared the following articles with the Commission:

- LA County to End Solitary Confinement of Juveniles (May 3, 2016)
- Sheriff's Official Quits Over Emails (May 2, 2016)
- County Ends Solitary Confinement for Juveniles (May 4, 2016)
- No Plans to Review Cases Involving L.A. Sheriff's Official Who Resigned (May 3, 2016)
- 3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-2290)

Staff informed the Commission that the deadline to submit Scholarship applications is on May 31, 2016 and one application has been received to date.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from April 28, 2016 to May 3, 2016. (16-2291)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby visited:

- Camp Jarvis (Avenue I, Lancaster, CA) on April 28, 2016.
- Camp Smith (Avenue I, Lancaster, CA) on April 28, 2016.

Vice Chairperson Grills visited:

- Dream Catcher #2 (49th St., Los Angeles, CA) on April 27, 2016 and reported that no one was at home.
- Dream Catcher #3 (2nd Ave., Los Angeles, CA) on May 4, 2016 and reported that no one was at home.

Commissioners Andrews and Montaño visited:

• Penny Lane #9 (Clybourne Ave., North Hollywood, CA) on May 3, 2016 and reported that no one was at home.

During the reporting period, the following group homes were reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Vice Chairperson Grills visited:

- Community Youth Sports and Arts (Crenshaw Bl., Los Angeles, CA) on May 2, 2016 and reported the following:
 - There was only one male youth currently living there
 - There was no Need and Services Plan on file
 - The youth was not enrolled in school
 - The union dues of \$80 for the youth to continue a carpentry program hasn't been paid
 - · His bedroom smelled of marijuana

Vice Chairperson Grills also noted that this is a probation only home and both DCFS and Probation was contacted. Both departments are looking into the status of the youth and will report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Zhen visited:

- Human Services Network (Parthenia St., North Hills, CA) on April 15, 2016 and reported the following:
 - The kitchen cabinets and pantry need replacing
 - The washing machine exterior is rusted and needs painting
 - The bathroom cabinets need replacing
 - There is poor insulation in the home
- **5.** Report from the Sybil Brand Commission's Ad-Hoc Committees. (16-2292)

Vice Chairperson Grills reported that she received additional data from staff that she will review to add to the annual report before resubmittal.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

6. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-2294)

There were no items presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-2295)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

<u>Adjournment</u>

8. Adjournment for the meeting of May 4, 2016. (16-2296)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of May 4, 2016 at 11:14 a.m.

